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## **AMENDMENT**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

- (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door latch control system, comprising:
  - a latch mechanism motor;
  - a bus;
  - at least one occupant-operable regulator; and
- a door controller connected to the latch mechanism motor, the bus and the at least one occupant-operable regulator, wherein the door controller includes door controller logic that detects a fault in the bus and that reassigns a further function to the at least one occupant-operable regulator, wherein the further function is assigns control of the latch mechanism motor to the at least one occupant-operable regulator upon detection of the fault, and

wherein the door controller logic operates the latch mechanism motor to a security locking state when the door controller detects actuation of the at least one occupant-operable regulator.

## 2-3. (CANCELLED)

- 4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one occupant-operable regulator is at least one selected from the group consisting of an inside door regulator, a central locking regulator, and a window lifter regulator.
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 4, wherein the at least one occupantoperable regulator is the inside door regulator and the <u>vehicle door latch control</u> system further
  includes an inside door regulator contact, wherein the door controller logic operates the latch
  mechanism motor when the fault is detected in the bus and when the inside door regulator
  contact indicates that the inside door regulator is actuated.
- 6. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1, wherein the bus is a multiplexed bus.